

County of San Diego

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

BOXWOOD

Facilities Services

Boxwood (Buxus) There are two types of Boxwood grown in this country: The Common or English Boxwood (*Buxus Sernper-virens*) and Japanese or Little Leaf Boxwood (*B. Microphylla*). Both are excellent hedge plants, with small, glossy green leaves. Common Boxwood is taller, reaching up to 20 feet high, and Little Leaf Boxwood reaches to 3 feet tall. These varieties thrive on rich, moist, well-drained soil, under full sun or light shade.



Boxwood is the classic hedging material from English or Colonial gardens. They take well to shearing; leaves and stems are soft and graceful. Within the Little Leaf Box, try *Buxus Microphylla* Korean. There are Korean, Compacta, and Japonica varieties. Within the Common Box, a number of choices include *Angustifolia*, *Suffruticosa*, and the variety *Argenteo-variegata* with white-spotted leaves. In northern areas, protect these plants from winter winds with burlap.